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PICKING A STRING**

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AMENDMENTS

Clean version of claims, incorporating current amendments

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1. (Amended) A pick having a substantially planar body surrounded by an edge, the pick comprising an aperture penetrating the planar body and a slot in communication between the aperture and a portion of the edge, the slot having a dimension larger than a diameter of a string.

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4. (Amended) A substantially planar pick for picking a string, the substantially planar pick having a body, a pointed end and a rounded end positioned opposite of the pointed end, the pick having an aperture located substantially near a center of the body and extending therethrough, the pick having a slot configured to pass from the rounded end to the aperture, wherein the slot is in communication with the aperture and has a dimension larger than a diameter of the string.

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7. (Amended) A pick having a body and a pointed end, the pick having an aperture located substantially near a center of the body and a slot configured to extend from the aperture to an edge of the body, wherein both the aperture and the slot pass through the body of the pick, the aperture having a dimension configured to receive an item larger than a diameter of a string.